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**FREE RIDES TABOO
ON THE WEST PENN.
PASSESS CALLED IN****Only bona fide Employees
Will Ride Free Here-
after.****FAMILIES ARE ALSO AFFECTED**

Statement is made that Police and Firemen on Duty May Ride Free in Their Respective Municipalities; Gloom in Ranks of Deadbeats.

Free transportation will no longer be extended to persons other than bona fide employees of the company. Notices to this effect were mailed yesterday to pass holders by Superintendent of Transportation, M. A. Coffey. The information came as a shock to quite a large number of persons who heretofore have been accustomed to ride free.

The rule applies to all persons, including members of employees' families. It also takes in quite a few out-of-town and borough officials, who have been extended the pass courtesy for quite a number of years. The newspaper workers are not exempted and those so fortunate as to enjoy a book of free tickets will come across with a nickel when they ride in the future. It was stated at the office of the company that exception is made in the case of police and firemen on duty. They will be permitted to ride free, within the limits of their respective municipalities. This exception has not been extended by many other companies within the state, but the West Penn officials believe that both policemen and firemen are entitled to ride free, especially if they happen to be answering the call of duty. They must be in uniform and wear badges if they are to avoid paying fare.

The West Penn and all other trolley lines within the state were affected as were the steam railroads in regard to the new provision contained in the new public utilities law. It has been intimated that the public utilities commission will insist upon the split-pass provision being observed to the letter. It was learned that the free transportation in the case of the trolley lines will be honored. Officials of the company hold that it is not within their power to cancel these passes, as they were issued as a part of the purchase agreement when rights of way were obtained. This is the only exception made in the matter of passes, outside of the police and firemen.

STATE HIGHWAY REPORT**277.4 Miles of Road Built by Bigelow**

HARRISBURG, Jan. 2.—Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow's annual report, covering from June 1, 1911 to June 1, 1912, just before the Governor, shows that 298.11 miles of road were constructed for and June 1, 1912, 277.4 miles had been completed, and 30.71 miles were being built. Contracts for 24.4 miles were let prior to the reorganization of the department under the Sprout act and an attempt made for them after June 1, 1911.

The construction work being completed included 494,500 feet on main highways, 443,421 on state roads and 38,887 feet on the national road, which the report says is either improved or under contract.

The department expended for maintenance of the main highway system \$2,574,714 and had a balance June 1, 1912 of \$1,235,352. The expenditures included \$1,332,939 on contracts, \$1,132,552 on maintenance, \$222,325 on surveying work, \$94,000 on machinery and tools. The appropriation for this object amounted to \$4,300,000 of which \$1,500,000 was from automobile license. On state aid roads the state spent \$204,023 out of \$1,000,000 appropriated, leaving a balance June 1 of \$791,976. The state aid road applications are numerous, the total mileage taken being 12,512 miles. The department would cost more than \$12,000,000 at a minimum estimate per mile. Automobile licenses are shown to have grown immensely, the payments to June 1 being \$682,489. The report is voluminous, containing many tables of appropriations and schedules showing how work done was divided. Numerous comparisons also are made.

MAY LOSE HOMESTEAD.**Sunk Land's Bottoms Most Perfect****There Tillers Today.**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 2.—Unless settlers have homesteaded the 55,000 acres of government lands, known as the sunk and lake lands, before today, they will be compelled to vacate and permit other persons to homestead it.

It was announced several years ago that because of survey errors in the part of the state no title had been given to several townships. Revised plans have been approved by the department of the interior. Persons living on the tracts were given the first opportunity to homestead if eligible.

New Gold Hoax.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Gold coin, bullion and gold dust cannot be shipped into the United States from Alaska by mail after today except in sealed packages, registered, and not weighing over 11 pounds, according to post-office department rulings.

**PHYSICIAN WHO
SAVES RADIUM CURE
KID OF CANCER**

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Dr. Abraham Jacoby, the well known medical practitioner, says he has been cured of cancer by radium, but that the public should not assume too quickly that radium will cure all forms of cancer completely. "I am a living example of the cure," says Dr. Jacoby.

**MEXICAN REFUGEES SENT BACK
IF THEY CROSS BORDER ARMED**

All Will Be Treated by Americans But Weapons Will Be Taken From Them.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Secretary of War Garrison Loomis approved the action of the American officers on the Mexican border in disarming 84 Mexicans who fled over the line, and sending them back to Mexico. They could not be armed as refugees, he said, but as adventurers.

When fighting began, all who cross the line without arms were allowed to stay, but those who carried weapons of war were disarmed and sent back. This plan will be followed out in the future.

General Dilla has ordered to permit refugees from Ojinaga to cross the border and to treat them as "humanity would dictate." He is to be given a free hand, for inasmuch as the refugees are mostly the Federalists they are disarmed and not likely to cause trouble.

MILL IMPROVEMENTS

New Engine Being Installed at the Scottsdale Plant.

SCOTTSDALE, Jan. 2.—A brightening of the industrial sky locally is to be seen this week in the repairs and improvements which are being made at the Scottsdale plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company. With the pumping out of unfitness of the first big engine here, "Old Nance," which was originally it is said a steamboat engine of the Ohio river and which was installed here with the first iron mills of Iversen Macdonald & Co., 40 years ago.

A more powerful new engine will be installed to take the place of the one being taken out. In consequence four mills will be closed down. The furnaces will be rebuilt and arranged in somewhat different location from what they have now. It may be that some new mills will be added. The repairs will require several weeks time to complete. The Old Meadow plant of eight mills resumed work in full this week. The five mills of the Scottsdale plant not affected by the repairs went on at midnight Wednesday.

GOOD COAL YEAR**1907 Record is Beaten at Lock No. 4 in Monongahela.**

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 2.—The best coal trade in the history of the upper Monongahela valley was recorded in 1913. Lockmaster George W. Paxton of Lock 4 has made his report on coal shipments showing that the best record, made in 1907, had been beaten by over 2,000,000 bushels.

The following figures show the number of bushels of coal shipped by months: January, 14,794,000; February, 18,645,000; March, 18,979,000; April, 17,475,000; May, 15,923,000; June, 17,828,000; July, 15,697,000; August, 16,897,000; September, 17,489,000; October, 19,333,000; November, 16,354,000; December, 18,909,000.

**"SAFETY FIRST" ON B. & O.
ONE BIG PROJECT FOR YEAR**

Committee is Named Which Will Have No Other Duty Than to Prevent Accidents.

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER.
BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—A far plan made public by the Baltimore & Ohio system in a circular announcing the reorganization and broadening of the scope of the "safety first" work, the company will usher in the new year by starting the most systematic campaign against accidents and the causes, reducing the injuries to persons, damage to property and improving the sanitary conditions of railroad employment in a way never before undertaken by a railroad company.

In outlining the reorganization of the general safety committee, among the lines which have the full approval of President Daniel Willard, Vice President A. W. Thompson, head of the operating department of Baltimore & Ohio lines, states that the committee will be composed of seven members, including a chairman and an official from the transportation department, power, maintenance of way, fuel and engine and the chief departments and a general manager of the Interstate Commerce Commission, all of whom will be relieved of other duties and devote their entire time to studying the questions of safety. There will also be an advisory committee acting in conjunction with the general safety committee.

One day each month will be designated as safety day on each division, when the members of the general safety committee will confer with local committees, make an inspection of terminals, yards, shops, stations, freight houses and other railroad property. It is expected that the general safety committee will spend a large part of the next year during the next several months putting in a complete organization and becoming familiar with conditions on all parts of the system.

BOOK COMPANIES YIELD

Ten of Them Give School Board \$3,000 for Cans.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 2.—Ten of the 22 companies which publish textbooks for schools have yielded to the demand of the Pittsburgh board of public education for cheaper books, according to an announcement made by Carl M. McKee, superintendent of schools.

Mr. McKee, at the meeting of the board, sent letters to the 22 publishers delivering the board's ultimatum that textbooks should be reduced 10 per cent instead of 30 per cent discount from list prices in the purchase of textbooks. One of the companies capitulating, the superintendent said, is the largest company in the country making textbooks, and he believes the remaining 12 will agree to the new prices.

"WHITE SLAVE" FILM O. K.

Uniontown Bureau and Minister Approve Scandalous Pictures.

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER.
UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—Burgess R. S. McCrum, who put the ban on pictures showing girls gaudy in lights but took a fancy to "Septem-Morn," viewed the "Inside of the White Slave Traffic" at the Grand Theatre here yesterday and gave it his approval.

Rev. Charles W. Tinsley, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, also gave his approval of the pictures. The pictures were barred in Washington and were considered almost too plain for New York.

Manager Fred C. Roberts of the Grand stated that the pictures may be shown in Connellsville if the Uniontown engagement proves a profitable one.

FACES ROBBERY CHARGE.

Ruffsdale Man First 1914 Occupant of Greenburg Jail.

Alex McBeth of Empire works near Ruffsdale, was the first person admitted to the Greenburg jail on New Year's day. McBeth was arrested by State Trooper John P. Dickey and is charged with being implicated in the holding up and robbing of C. F. Goldsmith, a druggist of Mount Pleasant. Two men were implicated in the robbery.

McBeth was before Judge L. S. Rhoades of Mount Pleasant, where he was given a hearing. Failing to furnish bail he was committed to jail for the February term of court. The charge against McBeth was made by C. V. Wagner.

MINERS ARE SAFE.

Fire Believed in Tremont Mine Found in Abandoned Workings.

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER.
FAYETTE CITY, Jan. 2.—The miners believed to have been trapped in the Tremont mine when fire was discovered all made their way to the surface in safety, it was learned late yesterday.

Instead of being in the Tremont mine, the fire was found to be in the abandoned workings of the old Echo pit, although the smoke penetrated the Tremont headings.

The entrance between the two mines has been blocked off and the Tremont pumps will be used to drown out the blaze.

Not So Soft Any More.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Doorkeepers in Congress must stand up hereafter. They used to have nice soft cushioned chairs, but Democratic economy or something else hit the place, and now the doorkeepers don't have things as soft as they used to.

**FLYING BULLET OF
NEW YEAR REVELER
ENTERS A BEDROOM**

Miss Nettie Hood of the South Side Has a Narrow Escape.

MISSLE LODGES IN BED POST

Reveler Entered Room of Miss Hood, who was in bed, and fired a shot which struck the post.

The flying bullet of a New Year reveler entered the room of Miss Nettie Hood, who was in bed, and fired a shot which struck the post. The bullet entered the room of Miss Hood, who was in bed, and fired a shot which struck the post.

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ARGUE AMENDMENTS.

Franklin Township Board Fighting Old One.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—Further testimony was heard today in the case of the Franklin township farmers who began action in 1912 protesting against the alleged unfair amendments of farm laws as compared with coal property.

After taking testimony in 1912, the township board was asked in the township amendment of 1912, the court held in 1909 was too high, rather than too low, compared with that of farm lands.

MORGAN'S DROP OUT.

Members of Big Banking Firm Give Up Many Directors.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. have resigned their memberships in the board of directors of about 20 railroads and industrial concerns, according to an announcement by J. P. Morgan today.

This action is taken, the statement says, because of the time taken from the Morgan interests by their attendance in the meetings of various boards.

NO NEW AUTO TAGS.

Parker Will Not Deal Secretly With Autoists Who Don't Have Them.

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IS OPERATED ON.

Connellsville Man Improving in a Pittsburgh Hospital.

Frank Robinson of North Pittsburgh street, underwent an operation on Wednesday at the South Side Hospital, and late reports from the hospital were favorable regarding his condition.

About four years ago Mr. Robinson met with an accident which resulted in a fracture of the skull from which he never fully recovered. About a year ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis as the result.

THE WEATHER.

Snow or rain and warmer tonight; Saturday snow or rain and colder.

The weather forecast for Western Pennsylvania.

Temperature, 1913 1912. Min. ... 50 57. Max. ... 50 57.

The Young river dropped from 2.76 to 2.54 during the night.

**SQUIRE MUST SHOW RECORDS
IN SCHOOL TEACHER'S CASE**

Friends of Miss Ivy Mountain of Springfield Declare She is Being Persecuted.

The residents of Springfield township are in arms over what they allege to be the persecution of Miss Ivy Mountain, the young school teacher at the Pritts school. Miss Mountain is under indictment on a charge of assault and battery for whipping 15-year-old Terrin Barker, and under a fine of \$10 and a jail sentence of 60 days for each, for cruelty to a minor child.

Both of these cases were brought before Justice Cassimer Cramer of Saltick township, Squire A. G. Sherry of Springfield refused to take the first case when the boy's father, J. W. Barker, made information against the girl, so they took the case away up into the mountains of Saltick township where Squire Cramer will open January 3. The trial will appear at court on the assault and battery charge, but still not satisfied, the father brought a charge of cruelty and she was fined \$10 and costs.

Taken to Uniontown on Wednesday in charge of a constable, a writ of certiorari to force the justice to bring his records into court was secured by Attorney R. L. George May and there the case was held.

The boy's father also brought charges against the teacher before the school board which allowed the case to remain under advisement. Miss Mountain to continue teaching.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

Smithsonian Man Accused of Looting B. & O. Station There.

Amerson Moore and Woodrow Lee are in the Greenburg jail charged with being implicated in the breaking open and robbing of the Baltimore & Ohio freight cars at Smithsonian. The police of the Baltimore & Ohio believe that they have rounded up a part of the gang that has been robbing cars and stations along the line. The men were arrested yesterday morning at their homes at Smithsonian by Officer R. A. Hedges and private Guy Joseph. Joseph, County of Troop A. They were given a hearing before Judge R. H. Rhoades of Smithsonian.

The men are charged with breaking into and robbing cars at Smithsonian station October 12 and November 15 last. Altogether, alike, amounting to \$150, ambrosia valued at \$25, 550 worth of tobacco, lace worth \$50 and six cases of whiskey were stolen. The whiskey was valued at \$75.

Lee is married and lives with his wife at 1208 W. 18th st. He is 33 years old and is the son of Shepherd Moore who is now serving a term in the penitentiary for murder in the second degree. Christmas eve the station at Smithsonian was entered and 14 mugs, books and 100 tickets were stolen.

IN BAD WRECK

Ohioville Man Tells of Fatal Crash on the B. & O.

O. R. Jackson of Ohioville, who was one of the more or more injured in a head-on collision between two Easton & Ohio passenger trains on Tuesday night, was a visitor here yesterday. He was pinned between two seats in such a manner that he was unable to move his limbs and sustained painful injuries.

The collision occurred at Summit, No. 18 bound from Strasburg Junction to Harper's Ferry, collided with No. 1, going in the opposite direction. The train No. 18 was killed, both engineers were injured and a score or more passengers suffered minor cuts and bruises.

ROAD AUDIT COMPLETE

Connellsville Township Spends \$8,489 in a Year.

The auditors of Connellsville township have completed their audit of the road supervisors' books, showing the expenditure of \$8,489 during the year. There is a balance of \$24.06 in the treasury, but unpaid bills amount to \$1,642.74. These bills constitute the only liabilities of the district. The resources total \$7,160.79.

The audit was made by F. C. Bolling, E. T. Norton and Henry Metzger. This is the first audit in which Bolling will participate. Although re-elected for a fourth year term, he has resigned because of his position as parcel post carrier at the local postoffice. Bolling was the only Republican member of the board.

BUYS FREEPORT COAL.

J. O. Clark of Uniontown Acquires West Virginia Holdings.

Two large acreages of the Freeport vein of coal in West Virginia were purchased by J. O. Clark & Uniontown man. The coal purchased is in two tracts of 510 acres, one being of 245 acres and the other of 265 acres. The coal was purchased from D. E. Runkler, of Strange Creek, W. Va.

The tracts are located on Elk river and Birch river and are near the tracts owned by the Colonial Coal Company, the Farmers Coal Company and the Strange Creek Coal & Coke Company, all owned by Uniontown capitalists.

Ready to Give Badges.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The War Department announced today that it is ready to receive applications for citizenship from soldiers who can show service in the Civil, Indian, and Spanish Wars, the Philippine insurrection, and the Chinese relief expedition. The badges are in reality medals coined by the Philadelphia mint.

**TO BE TRIED
FOR MURDER
A FOURTH TIME**

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2.—The fourth trial here of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde for the murder of Colonel Thomas Swepson will open January 3. The trial will occur before Judge Portenford. Two important witnesses have died since the first trial was held.

The present system, the keys are kept in little boxes with glass fronts. In sending in an alarm, it is only necessary to break the glass, turn the key and open the door of the alarm box. In fact, it is entirely too easy. Anyone can secure the key and summon the fire department without detection.

Chief Haddock recommends that several keys be distributed to residents in the vicinity in which a box is located. It is unlikely that anyone will go to the trouble to disturb a family to secure the key unless there really is a fire. A bunch of 41 keys were found in the city hall this morning, and these could easily be utilized if the present system is done away with. They are all numbered and the number deposited in each house would be registered at the fire house.

**20 FALSE ALARMS
OF FIRE IN YEAR,
HADDOCK REPORTS**

Fire Chief Will Recommend Change in the System of Keys.

TO LET NEIGHBORS KEEP THEM

Keys Will be Taken from Boxes and Distributed in Vicinity of the Alarm Boxes; 98 Calls During the Year, But Only Two Serious Fires.

During 1913 the Connellsville Fire Department responded to 20 false alarms, and on the first night of the new year the firemen were called out to box No. 314 only to find that there was no sign of a fire. To prevent a repetition of the record in 1914, Fire Chief John Haddock will likely recommend to council or Director of Public Safety F. W. Wright that the present system of keyboards be discarded.

The annual report of the paid fire department for 1913 shows that there were 98 calls responded to during the year. Only two of the fires were really disastrous, that, at the Hoffman Bakery and the veryable fire near the Pennsylvania railroad depot. Five hundred and sixty-one members of the volunteer department responded to the various alarms and did valiant service in extinguishing the fires.

SELLS MARKELL HOME

Uniontown Man Acquires Site for New Scottsdale Factory.

W. J. Ewing of Uniontown, is reported to have exchanged a brick residence property of 10 rooms, occupied by F. E. Markell on North Pittsburgh street, to Jesse A. Stauffer of Scottsdale, for 50 lots in the latter's North Scottsdale plan of lots. Mr. Ewing and others own patents on a solidifier, likewise the expected manufacture on an extensive plan and it was the idea of securing a manufacturing site that contributed to the deal. The details of the latter matter have not yet been fully settled, according to the statement of interested parties. The fire is now being manufactured at Johnstown.

Should the factory locate in Scottsdale it would give the town two similar plants, there being now an electric sterilizer manufacturing plant in operation there and doing a good business.

Mr. Markell will soon occupy his new home on Isabella road. He exchanged the Pittsburgh street property some months ago for West Virginia coal.

NEW POSTAL RECORD

Last Month of Kurtz's Regime Breaks All Marks.

Arthur E. Kurtz retired from the Connellsville postmaster with the satisfaction of knowing that the last month's business in the history of the local office was that of the last month of his incumbency. December, 1912, eclipsed all records for receipts. \$1,175.22 having been taken in during the month. The office was also a record breaker, by over \$400.

The report for the quarter ending December 31 shows an even greater increase over 1912. It follows:

Pair of stamps and paper ... \$10,324.24
Newspaper postage ... 127.37
Box rent ... 236.95

Total receipts ... \$10,324.24
1912 receipts ... 9,940.80

Increase ... \$383.44

Records were also broken in the number of parcels handled and the total volume of mail matter of all kinds.

WON'T

Mrs. Adams, Tired of Year-Long Task, Has Husband Arrested.

John Adams of Queen street who was released from prison a short time ago for a charge of kidnapping, preferred by his wife, Mrs. Adams, to be charged before Judge Lawrence Donegan on the same charge last night and committed to jail for the next term.

This was the third time that Adams was before Judge Donegan on the same charge. His wife claims that she has supported him for eight years, more, but will not do it any longer. In addition to a charge of non support, she declares that he assaulted and threatened her.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

Youth is Accused of Stealing W. J. Ralney Pay Envelopes.

Joseph Zernis, 18 years old, was arrested in Pittsburgh yesterday charged with the robbery of pay envelopes containing \$57.87 from the W. J. Ralney store at Royal.

It is alleged that Zernis was at Royal about the time of the robbery, but disappeared. He has been committed to jail pending an investigation.

SOCIETY.

Goodwin-Langhans.
Plans for a home wedding were foiled last evening by Miss Blanche Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Goodwin of East Main street and R. H. Langhans of McKeesport when they quietly stole away to the Methodist Protestant parsonage on East Fayette street where they were married at 4 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Cairns. The ceremony was witnessed only by Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. C. R. Stout. The bride wore a blue traveling suit with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, parents of the bride, had planned a quiet home wedding. Only immediate relatives were to attend. The ceremony was to be performed at 4 o'clock by the pastor. The bride's friends, Mr. and Mrs. Langhans decided to steal a march on them. Immediately after the ceremony they left for a wedding trip, after which they will be at home at McKeesport, where the bridegroom is now for the honeymoon. The bride's party, who were the first to arrive at the parsonage in the West Side. The bride is widely and favorably known.

Dinner for West Penn Students.
The student body of the Connelldale district office of the West Penn Railway Company was given a dinner at the Hotel Arlington yesterday noon, by W. E. Anderson, chief clerk. Mrs. Anderson chaperoned the crowd. A five course dinner with turkey as the principal feature of the menu, was served. Afterward a photograph of those that attended was taken by G. E. Murrie on the steps of the Federal building. Those present were: Carl McKeever, Myrtle Barnhart, Mary Riley, Vella Decker, Mayme Kincaid, Sarah Everett, Birdella Miller, Margaret Fagan, Louise Painter, Mary Rhodes, Margaret Ray, Monica Gainer, Margaret Cox, Jennie Leach, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson, District. Mary Parr, Greensburg, E. B. Ellis, Jeannette, Alice Sturgeon, Greensburg, Elizabeth Gless, Scottsdale, Agnes Henslett, Charleroi, Mary Baker, Monaca, Louise Ray, Monaca, Elizabeth City, Ruth Glascock, Dennot, Sidney Sutton, West Newton, Mildred Lynch, Elizabeth Thome, not present, Stella Hazlett Irwin, E. B. Stinner, Brownsville, A. G. Osborne, Latrobe.

Covered Hot Lunches.
The members of the Outlook Club held their annual covered dish luncheon yesterday at the home of Mrs. Arthur F. Freed on Ninth street, Greensburg. The guests who were conveyed to and from their homes in automobiles brought their favorite dishes. The culinary skill of the ladies resulted in a most delicious turkey dinner consisting of the various delicacies of the season. A color scheme of yellow and white was effectively carried out in the table decorations. The attractive centerpiece was a low mound of narcissus and maiden hair fern, tied with yellow tulle. The candlesticks were capped with dainty yellow shades. On each of the white covered chairs was a monogram of the club in gold. During the afternoon a "Jack Horner" pie was opened and "New Year's gifts" were given to the members of the club.

High School Entertainment.
The 40th number of the high school entertainment course will be given at the Colonial hotel this evening. Thomas Brinke Fletcher will give a lecture beginning at 4:30.

Dance at Colonial Inn.
About 25 couples will attend the first annual dance of the Senior class of 1914 to be held this evening at the Colonial Inn, South Pittsburgh street. The affair promises to be a very delightful event.

Afternoon at Cards.
Mrs. Joseph T. Johnston is entertaining the Thursday Afternoon Card Club this afternoon at her home in East Main street.

Meeting of Seniors.
A meeting of the seniors of the First Presbyterian Church will be held this evening at 7:45 o'clock at the make on West Peach street.

Clubs of the Week.
C. K. McKesson, R. J. Hooper, R. B. Tremberth, J. A. Swartzwelder, Conrad Gifford, H. T. Marshall, A. I. Merchant, Paul H. Wagner, and Ernest Morris members of the Elks Club composed a box party at the Alvin Theatre last evening to see "The Whip".

The Danettes.
About 150 guests attended The Danettes, given yesterday afternoon at the Uniontown Country Club by Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart in honor of Miss Elizabeth Stewart and John Stewart. Out of town guests were from Connelldale, Mount Pleasant, Scottsdale and Pittsburgh. Music was furnished by Kiefer's orchestra.

Alpha Alpha Epistolary Dinner.
The Alpha Alpha Epistolary, composed of college boys from Connelldale and nearby towns will give a dinner this evening at 8 o'clock at the West Penn Tea Room. Covers for twelve will be laid.

Why is the soda cracker today such a universal food?

People ate soda crackers in the old days, it is true—but they bought them from a barrel or box and took them home in a paper bag, their crispness and flavor all gone.

Uneeda Biscuit—soda crackers better than any ever made before—made in the greatest bakeries in the world—baked to perfection—packed to perfection until you take them, oven-fresh and crisp, from their protecting package. Five cents.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

IS FOUND DEAD

Mrs. Anna Durchniger Only Lives 10 Days After Murder.
Ten days after the death of her husband Leonard A. Durchniger Mrs. Anna Durchniger, 64 years old, was found dead in bed yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Henderson in Knoxville. Mrs. Durchniger resided in Connelldale for a number of years and since leaving here has resided in Pittsburgh. She was visiting her daughter and apparently was in good health. Grief over the death of her husband is supposed to have hastened her death. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her daughter.

Mrs. Durchniger was a member of the German Benevolent Union and was well known among the German residents of Connelldale and vicinity. She is survived by the following children: George M. and Lou Durchniger, Mr. C. A. Winterburn of Allegheny, Pa. and Mrs. Henderson of Pittsburgh. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Charles Warner of the West Side. Mr. and Mrs. Warner and family went to Pittsburgh this afternoon to remain for the funeral.

Be It Known.
That every man and woman is entitled to equal rights in our country of America. Why do so many need to suffer untold agony for the lack of scientific knowledge of the human body when there is a man in your town who has an up to date knowledge of anatomy and can adjust every part of the body through the chiropractic science. His office is in the Woodworth building, Bell phone 1144-J, Tri-State 307-T. Dr. C. H. Sherry. Hours 9 to 5. A lady at night. Chiropractic examination free to all—Advt.

One Family Dinner.
Mrs. E. B. Strickler and Mrs. E. H. McLain were joint hostesses at a family dinner yesterday at their home at Vanderbilt. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fale and daughter, Elizabeth of Connelldale; Mrs. David T. Cooper and daughter, Miss Maude; and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cooper of Flatwoods; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cramer of Dickerson Run; R. B. Otto and Winfield and Sterling Butts.

Entertainment at Dinner.
Mrs. G. B. Roberts, assisted by Miss Vera Jennings, entertained at a turkey dinner yesterday at her home at Vanderbilt. Covers were laid for Mrs. Watson Dunn of Flatwoods; Mrs. Charles Roberts of Flatwoods; Mr. Ralph Bell, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Mrs. J. W. Guyan, Mrs. William Bailey, Mrs. M. A. Porter, Mrs. W. G. Kelly, Mrs. J. C. Moore and Mrs. W. A. Cargrove.

Join the Young Christian Club Now.
and accumulate money for next Christmas in the easiest possible way. Full information at the Young Trust Company.—Advt.

Do You Want Help?
Try our circular ads. One cent a word. Results follow.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. B. Holman of Pittsburgh, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Robinson of Greensburg.

Mrs. Edward Greenwood of Greensburg, was the guest of friends in Uniontown yesterday.

The condition of Bernard O'Connor, who has been critically ill at his home on First street, West Side, is improved. Prospects for his recovery are very bright.

Military greatly reduced. All trimmed hats at one-half former price. A few early models at less than half. McFarland's—Advt.

Mrs. Robert Jenkins of Uniontown and Miss Mollie Hughes of Homestead were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Lawrence Brant of Symons street over New Year.

Mrs. E. E. Munson and daughter, Miss Marian are the guests of friends in Uniontown today. Miss Munson will return to Beaver College at Beaver, Pa., Monday.

Paul Blackmer who has been visiting school friends in Connelldale, Pa. since Christmas, returned home this morning.

We are making a specialty of a pure, wool, fast color, fall weight light serge suit to order for \$11. Davé Cohen, Tailor—Advt.

Miss Anna McDevitt will return to East Liverpool, O., Monday after a visit with her sisters in the West Side.

Miss Ellen Sherrick will return to Beaver College at Beaver, Pa., Monday after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. N. Sherrick.

Mrs. A. J. Colborn of Shippensburg was the guest of friends in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Richard of Hb-chester, N. Y., and the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Gladden of the West Side.

Health and Happiness Week Febru-ary 8-12. Plan for it—Advt.

Miss Dora Cooley was the guest of friends in Uniontown last evening.

T. P. Logan, of Middleburg, returned home after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Logan of Logan's Crossing.

Mrs. H. T. Crossland and niece Miss Jennie Crossland of the West Side were visiting friends in Belle-verton yesterday.

J. T. Williams, a West Side barber, left last evening for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will spend three months.

Military greatly reduced. All trimmed hats at one-half former price. A few early models at less than half. McFarland's—Advt.

Paul Wagner of the West Side, was visiting friends in Pittsburgh yesterday.

T. Scott Dunn, is in Uniontown on business today.

Mrs. Florence Johnson and family of the West Side are visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Gary of Flatwoods.

Military greatly reduced. All trimmed hats at one-half former price. A few early models at less than half. McFarland's—Advt.

A. C. Carson and family of Green-wood will leave this afternoon for Youngstown, O., where they will make their future home.

Reason Moore returned to his West Side home yesterday afternoon after visiting friends and relatives in Clarksville, N. Y.

Mrs. Blanche Buttermore of Green-burg was visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Buttermore of the West Side yesterday.

Without Food Five Days.
Crew of British Steamer Taken Off in Mobile Bay.

By United Press.
MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 2.—With the vessel broken in two and only kept afloat by its cargo of lumber, the British steamer Glen Afton was sighted off the coast of night and its crew brought ashore.

After five days without food, 11 of the men are seriously ill in the hospital here. The vessel's cargo was valued at \$75,000.

The Bank for You.
The bank that has always been safe, always faithful to the best interests of its depositors, always well equipped and constantly watchful for the safety of its depositors' funds is the bank for you. We cordially invite your business, assuring you the courtesy and safety which this bank has consistently maintained ever since its establishment. We have just installed a foreign department. The Citizens National Bank of Connelldale, 138 Pittsburgh street.—Advt.

Moons Taken to Connelldale.
Frank S. Moon was taken to Connelldale by a constable last night to answer to a charge of breaking out of the lockup at that place. Moon has just recovered from a drought of poison which he took in the Connelldale jail on Sunday morning.

EASY WAY TO GET RID OF PIMPLES
Rinse! Rinse! Rinse! What Counts Are Supposed To Do.

It is so easy to get rid of pimples and blackheads with Rinse!, and it costs so little, too, that anyone whose face is disfigured by these pests is foolish to keep on with useless creams, washes or complicated "beauty treatments." Here's the way to do it.

Soak your face for several minutes with Rinse! Soap and hot water, then apply a little Rinse! Ointment very gently. Let this stay on ten minutes, and wash off with Rinse! Soap and more hot water, finishing with a dash of cold water to close the pores. Do this every morning and evening, and you will be surprised to see how the pimples, blackheads, and other skin troubles, disappear.

Send for Rinse! Soap, Ointment and Cream, each in a separate box, and you will be surprised to see how the pimples, blackheads, and other skin troubles, disappear.

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GUARD THE KIDNEYS

Millions Die of Kidney Disease; Tens of Thousands Have It Right Now and Never Suspect It.

The strongest and wisest plan to always keep the kidneys healthy and free from poisonous matter that leads to Bright's disease, dropsy and other serious diseases is to take Thompson's Barbaena every three months. It is a harmless vegetable remedy put up in liquid form, is quickly assimilated and gets to the sick kidneys at once. If your kidneys are weak, inflamed or clogged up, Thompson's Barbaena will put them in splendid shape again. If they are not disordered, this greatest of all kidney remedies will tone up your system anyway.

Graham & Company, Connelldale, and S. A. Loe & Company, Scottsdale, sell Thompson's Barbaena for 50 cents and all a bottle on money back plan. It often cures backache, neuralgia, sharp shooting pains and all kidney, liver or bladder disease. In consultation with Barbaena always take Thompson's Dandelion and Stinging Nettle Pills (25 cents) when constipation is present. Thompson Medical Co., Titusville, Pa.—Advt.

NEW CLOSING RULE

Departments Close to Adopt 9 O'clock Rule on Saturdays.

Effective tomorrow, the entire store of the Wright-Metzer Company will close at 9 o'clock on Saturdays. After the closing of the departments, a greater number of departments have been closing at this hour on Saturdays, and it is to be extended to include all of them.

When the 9 o'clock rule went into effect, the general furnishing, clothing, and shoe departments remained open until 10 o'clock.

The Wright-Metzer Company announces that shoppers have become accustomed to the earlier closing hours and have made it apply throughout their store. During the week the store will close at 8:30 as usual.

ANOTHER PROMISE

Governor Will Also Investigate Moyer Case.
By United Press.

LANSBING, Mich., Jan. 2.—Governor Perry today telegraphed Attorney General Nichols, representative in the Calumet mining district, to proceed at once with an investigation of the shooting and deportation of President Moyer of the Miners' Federation.

The investigation will be entirely separate from that of the grand jury and prosecutor of Houghton county.

LOVE OF HUNTERS

County Treasurer's Office Issues 6,721 Licenses During Season.

County Treasurer W. A. Craft stated that 6,721 hunting licenses had been issued during the hunting season of 1913. The last license was issued December 31 to John Gruen who paid \$1 for one day's hunting.

Only 4,000 licenses were received from the state department, the other 2,721 being issued by Treasurer Craft's receipts.

No Funeral Arrangements.
No arrangements have been made for the burial of Martin Kovich who died Wednesday morning of a bullet wound suffered in a fight at Leisener. The body was still at the Cottage State Hospital today at noon.

Licensed to Wed.
John Boyd of Star Junction, and Ella Mae Buttermore of Connelldale, were granted a marriage license in Uniontown yesterday. Miss Buttermore is a daughter of W. T. Buttermore of Murphy avenue.

Wanting Bureaus?
If so, read our advertising columns and you will find them.

Families Are Buying "Sunkist" Oranges by the Box or Half-Box

Enjoy the rich, delicious meat and sweet, tangy juice of ruddy, thin-skinned, seedless "Sunkist" oranges.

Have this golden fruit for breakfast, dessert and "between meals." Cleanest of all fruits—never touched by bare hands. All the pickers and packers of "Sunkist" oranges and lemons wear clean, white cotton gloves.

"Sunkist" oranges are the finest, juiciest oranges in the world. Tree-ripened, fiberless. Not a seed in "Sunkist." Buy them by the box or half-box. That is cheaper than buying by the dozen. They keep for weeks.

Ask for "Sunkist" lemons—so full of juice that they go farther than other lemons. Try "Sunkist" lemonade—hot or cold. Lemons add flavor to fish, meats and salads.

Get Rogers Silver with "Sunkist" Wrappers

Cut the trademarks from "Sunkist" orange and lemon wrappers and send them to us. We offer 27 different premiums, all Rogers A-1 Standard Guaranteed Silverware. Exclusive "Sunkist" design.

For this orange season send 12 "Sunkist" Orange or Lemon Wrappers and 8 two-cent stamps. "Red Ball" orange and lemon wrappers count same as "Sunkist."

Buy "Sunkist" Oranges and Lemons at Your Dealer's

Send your name and full address for free premium sheet and Premium Club Card. Address all orders for premiums and all inquiries to

California Fruit Growers Exchange
120 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

If Success Proves Merit

We need say nothing more, as we have built up the largest grocery business in the county. Our Motto has always been, Highest Quality, Lowest Prices, Prompt Service.

You get the best Fresh Meats and Poultry at our Meat Counter.

50 lb. sack Kelly's Famous Flour \$1.40
50 lb. sack White Satin Flour \$1.50
10 lb. sack Fresh Corn Meal .22c
3 lbs. Lima Beans .25c
2 quarts Roman Beans .25c
Borden's Eagle Brand Milk, can .15c
Pure Cocoa (loose) lb. .20c
3 Boxes Macaroni or Noodles .25c
4 lbs. Good Clean Rice .25c
Evaporated Raspberries, lb. box .30c
Fancy Evaporated Apples, lb. box 12c
Full Quart Jar Pure Preserves .30c
3 cans Van Camp's Soups .25c
3 cans Van Camp's Hominy .25c

3 cans Van Camp's Pumpkin .25c
Large can Sour Kraut .10c
Extra Choice Rio Coffee, lb. .18c
4 lbs. Fresh Ginger Snaps .25c
3 lbs. Oyster Crackers .25c
Large can Apple, Peach or Plum Butter .20c
3 cans Lemon Cling Peaches .50c
Fancy Yellow Free Peaches, can .15c
3 lbs. Choice Evaporated Peaches .25c
4 lb. box Climax Washing Powder .10c
3-5c boxes Matches .10c
6 large rolls Toilet Paper .25c

SPECIALS

10 lb. sack Fresh Buckwheat Flour 35c
5 lbs. New Navy Beans .25c
Fancy Sugar Cured Hams, lb. .17c
Pure Honey, Comb. .18c
7 pkgs. Nine O'Clock Washing Powder .25c
9 lbs. New Hominy .25c

3 large cans Fancy Tomatoes .25c
4 small cans Fancy Tomatoes .25c
4 cans Mustard Sardines .25c
Full gal. Extra Quality Catsup .65c
Fancy Small Fat Mackerel, each .5c
7 lbs. Loose Rolled Oats .25c
Staley's Baking Powder, 1-lb. can .20c

BAUR'S FANCY LAYER CAKES, SEVEN KINDS, FOR SATURDAY

DAVIDSON'S

"The Store That Helps You."

109 WEST MAIN STREET,

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa.

SEEKS OLD FRIENDS

J. W. Sechrist Inquirer of Old Hickory Bottom Pupils.

The Courier is in receipt of a letter from J. W. Sechrist an inmate of the National Soldiers Home, Kansas City. Mr. Sechrist is anxious to learn of the whereabouts of his friends who attended the old Hickory Bottom school from 1859 to 1860. The teachers who taught during that period were Christian Smith, Cal Cure, David Hinton, Mary White, Nancy White, Albert McDowell. Among some of the pupils were H. Collins, James Collins, George Cobin, William Matthews, George Amel Patterson, the Robinson and Leighty boys, Agnes, Martha and Sarah Smith, Mary, Agnes, Anna, Frieda, Adeline and Abe Stauffer, Stewart Durbin, Luther Moore, William Yard, Robert Sechrist, the Crosslands, Mary and Abe Smith, Elizabeth Vance, Adeline Reynolds, the Brownas, Maria Barnes, and Herbert McKarnes.

Mr. Sechrist is 72 years old. He left Fayette county in 1872 and has not paid a visit to his native home for 31 years.

Take Story Denied.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A statement of the story printed in Hearst papers that the opening of the Panama Canal will depend upon the outcome in Mexico, was made by the administration today.

Body Taken to Storetown.
The body of Mrs. Catherine Mong, who died at the home of her son, Frank Mong, at Dawson, was taken to Storetown for interment this morning by Funeral Director W. H. Parkhill of Dawson.



\$10 SUIT SALE

\$10 COAT SALE

OUR FOURTH

Anniversary Sale

Will be a Ten Dollar Suit and Coat Sale. We have 75 suits and 50 coats to go at this price. You will find here all staple colors; also some very fine blues.

IN THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT we offer 25 Trimmed Hats for this sale only at \$1 each. All other hats one-half price.

FURS! FURS! FURS! All furs at half-price Friday and Saturday only.

One lot of John C. Lowe & Co. guaranteed Rain-coats to sell at cost.

S. & H. GREEN STAMPS.

Mrs. J. R. Foltz,

103 East Main Street,

Connellsville, Pa.

NOTICE!

Commencing Monday, December 29th, we will press Men's Suits for only \$25, and Men's Overcoats for \$35; Ladies' Suits pressed for \$20, also Ladies' Long Coats for \$25. Reparing and cleaning done at very low prices. Our work is absolutely first-class, as we do all our pressing by hand and not by machine, therefore it is bound to give nothing but the best of satisfaction, and you will be served with the utmost promptness. We trust that you will not fail to take advantage of this offer and come to see us at our newly established place in the Woodworth Building at your earliest opportunity.

JOS. LA CHIMIA & SONS,

3-4 Woolworth Building, Connellsville, Tri-State 307

PATRONIZE THOSE WHO ADVERTISE!

News From Nearby Towns.

DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Jan. 2.—George Farr and daughter, Jane, of Merrittstown, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farr of Mahoning.

Mrs. John Howden of Johnstown, visited relatives here this week.

Raymond Hampton is off duty at the radiator works, Uniontown, on account of sickness.

Mrs. Thomas Hicks and Mrs. Herbert Cooper of Connellsville, are visiting Mrs. John Stole of Dunbar.

Miss Lizzie Hay returned home from Lemont, after spending a few weeks there visiting friends.

Marie and Edward Duffy have been here visiting their aunt, Mrs. Mollie Gummerson. They returned to their home at Hagerley yesterday.

Mrs. Mildred Young was shopping in Connellsville yesterday.

Miss Inez Carroll left today for Harlboro, where she will resume her duties at the Capital.

Dr. W. W. Warne of Mount Braddock on professional business yesterday.

Miss Dode Kelly entertained Wednesday evening in honor of her friend, Miss Glen Barry of Kane, Pa. The evening was spent in games and various other amusements. Refreshments were served.

Walter Meyer was a business caller in Connellsville yesterday.

Mrs. Milton Watson and son, Wayne of Connellsville, visited the former's sister, Mrs. Anna Shay of Connellsville street.

R. D. Jones, formerly of this place, but now of Merrittstown, moved his family here Wednesday and will take charge of the Young Sand & Stone Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Draper of Connellsville spent yesterday here visiting relatives.

J. W. Wright of Uniontown, was a business caller in town yesterday.

Robert Hudkin of Bryson Hill, was at Footdale yesterday.

Miss Florence McQuiggan left today for McKeesport, where she will remain for some time.

Dr. J. L. Junk of Connellsville, was a town today on professional business.

Perry Bell was transacting business in Connellsville today.

J. H. Millard of Connellsville, was looking after business interests here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitart of Connellsville, visited relatives here on Wednesday.

Miss Rosella Huber left for her home at Smithton, where her parents will spend a week visiting her parents.

Mrs. James Gray fell and fractured her hip. She was removed to the Cottage State Hospital.

Earl Whitart spent Wednesday evening here with friends.

C. W. McClelland of Connellsville, was transacting business here yesterday.

Miss Nell Scott resigned her position at Kuba's store to accept a clerical position at the Dunbar post-office, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Starlette Combs, which takes effect today.

John Whitart and Scott Crow returned home from a hunting trip in the mountains.

The Ladies Thimble Club met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alex McDonald of Hill Top. The afternoon was spent at fancy work, after which a luncheon was served by the hostess.

Try our classified advertisements.

DON'T TRUST CALOMEL

Thousands Experience Bad After Effects From This Dangerous Drug.

A Safe Vegetable Substitute in Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets for the Liver.

Dr. J. M. Edwards, a prominent physician in this city, has discovered a laxative and liver tonic in a combination of vegetable materials mixed with olive oil, which is in effect almost exactly like calomel, except that there is no mercury in it.

Dr. Edwards has long been a foe of calomel, though he recognized its value along with its dangers.

The distrust of the uncertain drug eventually started him, years ago, towards experiments with the view of discovering a substitute, and he has been for several years in possession of the long-sought-for combination, which is in the shape of a little sugar-coated, olive-colored tablet.

The results of 17 years' experience and practice are embodied in these marvelous little tablets.

They are called Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, and their effect on the liver has been the means of relief to many of Dr. Edwards' regular patients as well as thousands of others who have suffered and were afraid of calomel.

There is no necessity, when you take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, by following them up with nasty, sickening, crippling salts, or castor oil, as you do after taking calomel. Try them 10c and 25c per box. The Olive Tablet Company, Columbus, O. All druggists.—Adv.

QUICK CONVICTION.

Man Sent to Workhouse 16 Hours After Holding Up Agent.

KITTANNING, Jan. 1.—Sixteen hours after he had held up and robbed Herbert John, station agent of the Pennsylvania railroad here at 1 o'clock this morning, Dave McCollum, 37 years old, of Wickburg, began to serve five-year sentence in the Allegheny county workhouse.

He was charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, pointing firearms, robbery, larceny and carrying concealed weapons. All the charges grew out of the one holdup.

Best Cough Medicine for Children.

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee. "It has been used by my family for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it, as it gives almost immediate relief in case of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

SMITHFIELD.

SMITHFIELD, Jan. 1.—The passing of the old year and the advent of the new was appropriately observed at the Methodist Episcopal Church Wednesday night by a union meeting of all the churches and citizens gathering there in a general watch meeting. One hour of the opening service of from 7 to 10 o'clock was devoted to singing after which a scriptural reading and remarks thereon by Rev. W. M. Ryan.

Andrew Tolbert after a lingering illness died at his home on High House street at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. Funeral will be from the Methodist Episcopal Church of which the deceased was a member at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. J. F. Dinger will officiate. Interment in the Baptist cemetery. Deceased was born April 5, 1843. His wife, two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Field of Smithfield, and one son, Edward of Georges township, survive. One daughter, May, is dead.

The reservoirs of the various coke plants in this vicinity are frozen over and the skating is fine. It is needless to say that the young men are taking advantage of the conditions and are enjoying themselves to the full in the exhilarating exercise of skating.

Miss Nellies and Alice Rankin were Uniontown shoppers between trains Wednesday evening.

Weather Observer John Baer gives the average temperature for the month of December as 32.7 degrees.

C. W. Culler of Dunbar was transacting business here New Year's day.

Mrs. M. K. Frankenberg took her New Year's dinner with relatives in Uniontown.

Harvey Wice and brother James Wice of Wharton township, who have been the guests of relatives here for the past week, returned to their homes Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kiger of Georges township were borough shoppers today.

Miss Adeline Frankenberg of Uniontown, the youngest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O'Neil of New Year's.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, met with Mrs. Gulher Britt at her home on Liberty street New Year's day.

J. O. Bonnell exhibited a vocal before the members of the society and claimed the bounty of \$3 now allowed by the state for the destruction of noxious animals of this species.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Jan. 2.—Rev. William W. Hall, the evangelist of Braddock, and his party reached here yesterday and will during their stay be at the College avenue home of Captain C. B. Hubbs. In the party is Rev. John R. Burk, who has charge of the choir, Keith L. Brooks, the pianist; Mrs. Keith L. Brooks, who has charge of the children's work, and Mr. William Coker, who has charge of the girls and women's work.

There was a good crowd last night for above the expectations of the members of the ministerial association. It was estimated at 1,500 persons. The choir will be increased to 200 voices. Tomorrow they delivered a very impressive sermon on "The Wisdom of the Winning of Souls." Freeman John John keeps the building cozy and comfortable.

T. C. Patterson entertained the directors and officers of the Mount Pleasant Building & Loan Association at his Main street home yesterday with their second annual dinner. The color scheme was pink and white, roses and ferns were used in decorating. Yesterday being Mr. Patterson's 75th birthday the centerpieces on the large tables were candles on a cake.

Those present were John A. Storey, Rev. C. P. Salladay, George W. Stoner, R. C. Stevenson, Mrs. F. L. and W. A. Marsh, C. L. Kuhn, J. B. Coldsmith, Samuel Noel, D. L. George, T. R. Shaw, J. Z. Fox, Richard Doncaster and M. K. Kuhn. The affair was in charge of Mr. Patterson's daughter, Miss Rosa, who was assisted by her aunt, Mrs. Davidson of Belleverton and Miss Bertha Springer.

Miss Jeannette McClintock of Pittsburgh, is the guest of her sister Mrs. A. Anderson.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Shuler have been called to Niles, O., by the serious illness of the former's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gribben and family have returned home from a visit paid Greensburg, Indiana.

Miss Helen Leikin and children have returned to their home at Arona after a visit paid friends here.

Fred Geatner has returned to his Niagara Falls home after a visit paid his sister Mrs. August Speker.

FEDERALS ARE WORSTED.

Rebels Threaten to Exterminate Them as Ojinas.

PRESIDIO, Tex. Jan. 1.—At sunrise today the indications were that the Mexican Federals would soon evacuate Ojinas. The Constitutionals were closing in upon the city all night and seemed to be in possession of all the outer defenses and the hills when daybreak came.

The rebels seemed to be able to sweep the Federal trenches at will and United States army officers who watched the battle say that the defenders' position is untenable. If the fire is kept up the Federal garrison will be exterminated, they say.

Prevent Diphtheria.

A sore throat is a good breeding place for diphtheria germs. Protect your children by never neglecting a Sore Throat. You can wisely depend upon TONSILINE.

Give TONSILINE upon the first appearance of Sore Throat—don't give anything else. When TONSILINE is swallowed it comes directly in contact with the diseased surface and induces a healthy condition of the membrane—then the system can better defend the throat against attack by diphtheria germs.

Keep TONSILINE in the house where you can get it quick when needed. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

LECHE

OUR TWENTY-SIXTH

SEMI-ANNUAL PRE-INVENTORY SALE

We want to clean up our stock and if prices will do it we will surely accomplish that end. Real values are here offered. Many items too small to advertise will be shown and offered at a great saving.

Sale Starts Saturday, Jan. 3, and Lasts Until Saturday, Jan. 17

Z. N. Green Trading Stamps With Every Sale.

LADIES' FURS

Reduced 33 1/3 %

Separate Neckpieces, Separate Muffs and sets in Jap Mink, Wolf, Fox, Lynx, Sable Fox, Coney and others.

\$8.00 Separate Neckpieces.....	\$5.34
\$12.50 Separate Neckpiece.....	\$8.34
\$15.00 Separate Neckpiece.....	\$10.00
\$12.50 Separate Muffs.....	\$8.34

Fur Sets—Neck Piece and Muff

\$15.00 Fur Sets, sale price.....	\$10.00
\$18.50 Fur Sets, sale price.....	\$11.34
\$25.00 Fur Sets, sale price.....	\$16.67
\$35.00 Fur Sets, more than 1/3 off.....	\$18.50
\$48.00 Fur Sets, sale price.....	\$32.00

Ladies' Tailored Suits Now Half Price

\$10.00 Tailored Suits.....	\$5.00
\$12.50 Tailored Suits.....	\$6.25
\$15.00 Tailored Suits.....	\$7.50
\$18.50 Tailored Suits.....	\$9.25
\$20.00 Tailored Suits.....	\$10.00
\$22.50 Tailored Suits.....	\$11.25
\$25.00 Tailored Suits.....	\$12.50

All New, This Season's Styles.
Not An Old Suit in the House.

LADIES' COATS

25 and 33 1/3 % OFF.

Ladies' \$5.00 Long Coats.....	\$3.75
Ladies' \$8.50 Long Coats.....	\$6.38
Ladies' \$10.00 Long Coats.....	\$7.50
Ladies' \$12.50 Long Coats.....	\$9.38
Ladies' \$15.00 Long Coats.....	\$11.25
Ladies' \$18.50 Long Coats.....	\$13.88
Ladies' \$20.00 Long Coats.....	\$15.00
Ladies' \$25.00 Long Coats.....	\$18.75

SPORT COATS

In red, navy and green, \$12.50 values at..... **\$8.34**

TOWELS

Plain white Hemstitched Huck Towels 10c, 2-4-25c.

Extra Large Huck Towels.

Regular 10c, sale price..... 8c
Huck Towels—Plain white or with red borders; 15c Towels, sale price..... 10c

Bleached and Unbleached.

10c Turkish Towels at..... 8c
15c Turkish Towels with plain hem sale price..... 11 1/2c

Unbleached 15c Turkish Towels, sale price..... 10c
Unbleached Turkish Towels—Regular 20c ones; sale price..... 17c, 3-4-50c

Bleached Turkish Towels. Plain hem, 25c value..... 23c
25c Unbleached Turkish at..... 22c

Barnesley Lines Toweling.

Regular 13 1/2c quality, sale price..... 11c
This is a Snap.

35c Fane Ticking at..... 20c
12 1/2c Bleached Muslin..... 11 1/2c
10c Bleached Muslin..... 9 1/2c

Other Good Brands 7 1/2c, 8 and 8 1/2c.
12 1/2c Cambric Muslin..... 11 1/2c
Loudsdale Cambric Muslin..... 13 1/2c

One lot of 12 1/2c percales on sale at..... 11 1/2c
Cotton Blankets reduced 10%.

Unbleached Muslins, 6 1/2c, 7 1/2c, 8 1/2c, 9c, 10c and 12 1/2c.
Short Lengths of 12 1/2c Ginghams..... 10c

Our Domestic Department

Contributes to this Pre-Inventory Sale

Great Savings to be Had Here

Bleached Sheets, full size, 81x90, made of good muslin.

75c Sheets, 81x90, sale price..... 75c
75c Sheets, 81x90, sale price..... 75c
80c Sheets, 81x90, sale price..... 80c
80c Sheets, 81x90, sale price..... 80c

Bleached and Unbleached SHEETS.
50c Sheets, 81x90, sale price..... 48c
50c Sheets, 81x90, sale price..... 48c
45c Sheets, 72x90, sale price..... 43c

Hemstitched Bleached Sheets—Full size, 81x90. An extra quality of muslin in these sheets. **81c**
Good as any sold at \$1; our price 85c, now..... **81c**

Mohawk Pillow Cases, only 11 dozen in this lot, size 42x26. Regular 25c, sale price..... 23c
Nameless Bleached Pillow Cases, 42x26, plain hem. This is a dandy. Only 3 1/2 doz. in the lot. Regular 25c. Sale price..... 23c
ALL 12 1/2c PILLOW CASES, SALE PRICE 10c.

White Lawn or India Linen. 12 1/2c Quality, sale price..... 7 1/2c
12 1/2c Quality, sale price..... 10c
15c Quality, sale price..... 13 1/2c
18c Quality, sale price..... 15c
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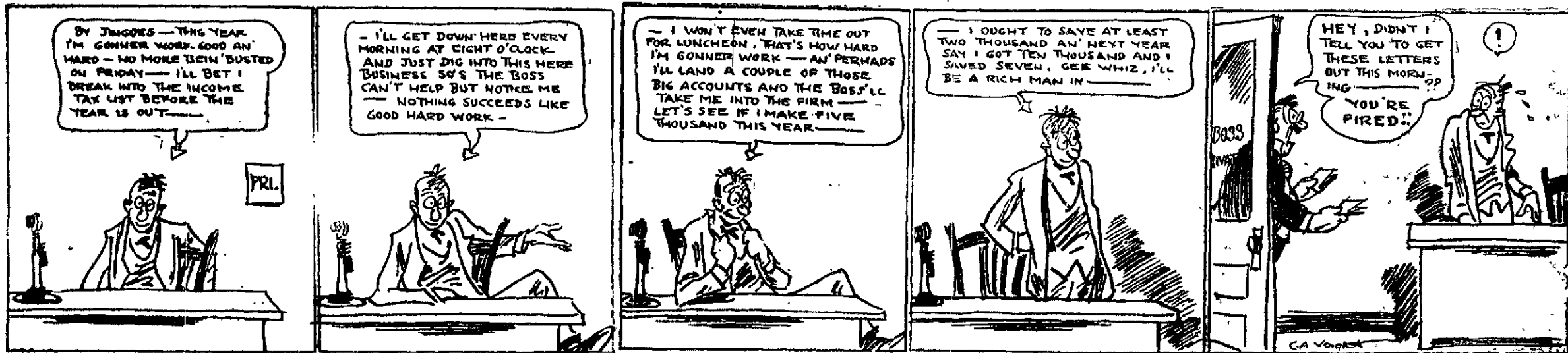
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Robert O. Bremner, member of congress from New Jersey, has become the center of interest of the medical world. Physicians and surgeons are waiting to see if the greatest trial ever made to cure cancer by means of radium, the most powerful and scarce element known, is successful. Representative Bremner, in whose case President Wilson and many close associates in Washington official life are interested, has suffered for several years from a malignant cancer in the left shoulder. Operations have failed to check the invidious disease, and recently Mr. Bremner was forced to carry his affected arm in a sling. The cancer had made its way over the shoulder until it almost met under the arm.

How Radium Was Administered. In a last desperate attempt to save his life and establish the exact nature of radium in the treatment of such a serious case the congressman submitted to treatment by Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore. One hundred thousand dollars' worth of radium was placed in the growth in Mr. Bremner's shoulder by Dr. Kelly and was left there long enough to send its radioactive properties in a cross fire through the cancerous growth. The operation was repeated the following day. Dr. Kelly put the radium in eleven tubes, coated with rubber and these tubes, each about two and a half inches long and about one-third of an inch in diameter were placed in the cancer in divisions made in the cancer on Mr. Bremner's shoulder. It will be five or six weeks before the result is known. In order that cancer victims' hopes may not be raised higher than actual results warrant, Dr. Kelly has announced that radium is not a specific cure for cancer and that it is effective only when there is no wide dissemination of the disease.

Verdict Remains in Abeyance. While about a dozen reports of remarkable "cures" of cancer by the use of the metal have been made by physicians and surgeons of repute in the last six years or so, medical men still hesitate to assert without reserve that an infallible means of combating the disease has been found except perhaps in the superficial type of cancer.

Nevertheless some remarkable cases have been reported. The New York American quotes Dr. Abraham Jacobi, eighty-three years old and a renowned specialist, as follows: "About seven years ago epithelioma, or cancer of the skin, appeared on the left side of my nose. It pained me greatly. I was on the point of having it removed by a surgeon when I decided to try radium. Then in its first blanch of blessed success.

Three applications were made, one of three minutes, one of five minutes and one of seven. A short time after the final treatment I was entirely cured." The Government interested. Should the treatment cure Mr. Bremner action may be taken by congress.

looking to the preservation of pitchblende beds of Colorado, from which the radium producing ore is obtained. At present the ore is found in Colorado. Dr. Kelly, with others, has obtained much of the land, and there are experiments going on in which the bureau of mines is lending its aid. The bureau will take charge of the extraction of radium from the ore and will begin work in a few months in Denver in a new laboratory which is being built with money furnished by the National Radium Institute. All the expenses of running the plant are to be paid by the Radium Institute. Under the agreement with the bureau of mines, the institute is to send all the extracted radium to the Memorial hospital in New York and Dr. Kelly's hospital in Baltimore, to be used in the treatment of cancer cases. The Radium Institute philanthropists have agreed on their part to give free applications of the radium to all cancer applicants. None of the radium is to be sold.

SPLIT DEPARTMENT TO AID FARMER, HOUSTON'S PLAN.

Secretary of Agriculture Believes Group Idea Will Get Quick Results.

When the United States department of agriculture was first organized and for many years afterward its work was confined to matters directly affecting agriculture. But congress recently has enacted legislation charging the department with the enforcement of numerous regulatory laws, including those relating to meat inspection, animal and plant quarantine, the pure food law, game and migratory birds, seed adulteration, insecticides and fungicides, and many of these activities affect agriculture only indirectly. "Its activities," says Secretary Houston, "now concern, directly or indirectly, all the people."

"What is needed," continues Mr. Houston, "is a basic plan of co-operation, co-ordination and broader grouping of the services of the department, according to the purposes in view, each with a large number of small units, the development of a common feeling and team work all along the line. Experience demonstrates that small units alone each more or less interconnected with other units, will yield the greatest results both in research and its application. To capitalize fully the results of research and make the knowledge gained by the department of service to the people the department manifestly must put itself in the best possible position to reach with its information the people who must change that information into productive action."

NEW HEAD OF U. S. MARINES.

Colonel Barnett Jumps From Sixth Place on Officers' List to First. Colonel George Barnett, stationed at the Philadelphia navy yard at League Island, has been appointed major general commandant of the United States marine corps. The first announcement came in Colonel Barnett from a friend who is a member of the house of representatives in Washington and a very close friend of Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Colonel Barnett's record in advance work is said to have impressed the head of the navy department, who made the appointment that has advanced the colonel from sixth place on the list of marine officers to first. The colonel will succeed Major General W. P. Middle, who is to be retired in the near future and will be stationed in Washington. The colonel was selected from among three men, all of whom were considered by the secretary of the navy.

Mixed. "How do you like my biscuits, bub?" I got the recipe out of a paper. "Well, my dear, I found a button in one and a feather in another. Maybe you got the cooking recipe mixed with the fashion bias."

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JESUS AND THE CHILDREN.

Mark 9:33-41; 10:13-16—Jan. 4. "And Jesus said with him, to come and another; for God saith, the good, but great grace to the humble."—1 Peter 4:10.

THE Master knew that the time of His death drew near. He passed hastily through Galilee, en route for Capernaum. He desired this opportunity for breaking gently to His disciples the news of His approaching death. While He had previously declared that none could touch Him because His hour had not yet come, now He declared that He would be delivered into the hands of men, that they would kill Him, and that on the third day He would rise from the dead.

But the disciples understood not and feared to ask an explanation. As Jews, they had the thought of the Messianic Kingdom uppermost. They even disputed among themselves respecting the honorable positions they would occupy, and as to which would be the greatest. Little did they understand the great trials and disappointments which only a few days ahead!

Jesus inquired respecting their dispute; but they were ashamed to tell Him. Then He advised them that the selfish ambitions, seeking honor rather than service, would be disappointed. In His Kingdom self-seekers would find lowest place. Then He took a child and set it in their midst, saying, "Whoever shall receive one such little child receiveth Me." The Master sought to show His disciples that the humblest among them, if favored by God, would have a high position in His Kingdom.

Blessing the Children. The Master loved children, though so far as the record shows, He did not generally give them His time. When some fond parents brought their children, desiring Him to bless them, the disciples rebuked them. As the subject of the Kingdom was uppermost in His teachings and in their minds, Jesus took this opportunity of teaching the disciples a lesson. They had, perhaps, felt too sure of being members of the Kingdom.

When Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me; and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," we do not understand Him to mean that all in the Kingdom would be children. On the contrary, no little children will be in the Kingdom. Only developed, tried, perfected characters will constitute the overcomers who will

sit with the Master in His Throne during the blessing of the world. The thought which the Lord would impress in that even His twelve Apostles would not be in the Kingdom unless they became childlike, teachable, trustful. The proper child, unspoiled by its elders, is disposed to be trustful. All who become God's children must reach this condition of heart as respects the Heavenly Father. Only such will participate in the Kingdom.

Manifestly none can receive a kingdom until it has been offered. With this Jesus this offer came at the close of Jesus' ministry, when He rode into Jerusalem on the ass. The worldly scribes and Pharisees were too wise to receive Jesus, and plotted His death. His disciples fully believed God's Word that there would be a Kingdom, and that Jesus was the appointed King, to reign in due time.

The multitude cried, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!" The wise scribes and Pharisees called out until it had been offered. With this Jesus this offer came at the close of Jesus' ministry, when He rode into Jerusalem on the ass. The worldly scribes and Pharisees were too wise to receive Jesus, and plotted His death. His disciples fully believed God's Word that there would be a Kingdom, and that Jesus was the appointed King, to reign in due time.

Mistaken Kingdom Views. It seems remarkable that after all the Bible has said respecting Messiah's Kingdom and its work of blessing all mankind, so few believe the Message. The majority today, like the scribes and Pharisees of old, are too wise to believe in the possibility of its establishment. They realize the need of the Kingdom, but have certain theories which blind them to the Truth.

Some mistakenly hold that Christ's Kingdom was set up at Pentecost, and that Christ has reigned ever since, conquering the world. How unreasonable this seems, when we know that the heathen double every century! How strange that Christians have so long believed that Christ's Kingdom came, and yet have not really believed that it is to be established at Jesus' Second Coming and the resurrection change of His Church.

Another large body of Christians hold that Jesus' coming is a second time to establish His Kingdom; that in A. D. 800 He established His followers in kingly power; and made the Pope at Rome His representative, to reign in His stead.

These views are neither satisfactory nor Scriptural. Well did the Apostle warn us that many would depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, quite unlike the glorious Gospel of God's Love and His ever-enduring Mercy.

Took It Like a Philosopher. One day Mrs. Jones rushed into the library to her husband with hasty steps and a wild look of excitement. "Oh, John, oh, John!" she exclaimed, "with a lot of emotional thrills. "Nora made a mistake and tried to light the kitchen fire with gasoline!" "Gasoline, eh?" calmly responded John. "Did she get it started?" "Did she get it started?" cried the amazed Mrs. Jones. "It blew her out the kitchen window!" "That's all right, my dear," returned the philosophical Jones. "It was her afternoon out, anyway."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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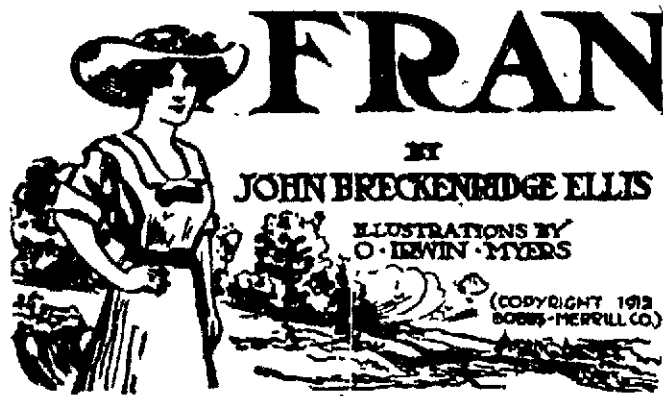
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CHAPTER XIV.

Fighting for Her Life.
The next day found Fran the bluest of the blues. No laughing now, as she sat alone, half-way up the ladder leading to Gregory's barn-loft. She meant to be just as miserable as she pleased, since there was no observer to be deceived by seeing a head-ache of mortification.

"The battle's on now, to a finish," muttered Fran despondently. "Yet here I sit, and here I scrooch." Fran's thoughts were at the awful stage of despondency. For a time, the thought seemed in her heart the thickest, thickest, thickest, and in this blackness, both hope and failure were alike indistinguishable.

"But we'll see," she cried, at last coming down the ladder, "we'll see!" and she clenched her fists, swung open the barn-door and marched upon the house with battle in her eyes. Girding up her loins—that is, smoothing her hair—and sharpening her weapons for instant use, she opened the library door.

She knew Grace Noir had gone to the city with Robert Clinton, and yet her feeling on seeing Hamilton Gregory alone, was akin to surprise. How queerly handsome he looked, without his secretary! She found the philanthropist immersed in day-dreams. The thought of the good his money and influence were accomplishing thrilled his soul, while through the re-



"I Want to Be Your Secretary."

Heed other of this pious joy appeared the loveliness of Grace Noir, lending something like spiritual consciousness to his vision of duty.

He did not want the applause of the general public any more than he wanted his past unearched. It was enough if his philanthropy was known to God and Grace Noir. The stock, in his mind, as a symbol of religion, and there can be no harm in reverencing symbols.

Fran's eyes drew him abruptly from his reverie.

"Fran," he said, as if she had appeared in answer to a summons, "I am unhappy about you. Your determination to have nothing to do with the church not only distresses but embarrasses me. You have insisted on coming into my life. Then why do you disgrace it? You pretend that you want to be liked by me, yet you play cards with strangers at night—it's outrageous. You even throw a card in my yard where a card was never seen before."

"Do you think cards are so very wicked?" asked Fran, looking at him curiously.

"You know what I think. I look on gambling as immoral. But it ought to be enough for me simply to forbid it." She closed the door, and placed her back against it. She looked him in the eyes, and said abruptly: "I want to be your secretary."

Hamilton gripped his chair. "I have a secretary," he retorted, looking at her resentfully. He checked words he would have liked to utter, on reflecting that his secret was in Fran's keeping. How Grace would shrink from him, if she knew the truth—how that magnificent figure would turn its back upon him—and those scornful, imperious, never-faltering eyes.

Fran drew nearer. She seated herself upon the arm of a chair, one foot on the floor, and spoke with restrained intensity. "I'm well enough educated. I can take dictation and make good copy."

He allowed his tone to sound dangerous. "I already have a secretary."

Fran continued with an effort. "Mother didn't like studying very well, but she was determined to get me out of the condition I was born in; she taught me all she knew. Wasn't she splendid! So patient!" Fran paused, and stared straight before her, straight into the memory of her mother's eyes. Gregory reflected—"If this child had not come, had not trusted herself upon my life! Haven't I suffered enough for my follies?"

"When mother died," Fran resumed, "she thought maybe Uncle Ephraim had mellowed, so I went to him, because I thought I couldn't get along without love." She shook her head,

with a pathetic little smile. "But I could! Uncle Ephraim didn't mellow, he died up. He blamed me for being born—I think, myself, it was a mistake. He turned me out, but I was so tough I just couldn't be winter-killed. After that I went back to the show and worked up in experience. I mention it to point out that a timid job like being your private secretary wouldn't strain a muscle."

Gregory's voice cut across here. "My secretary must be in sympathy with my work. To exercise such talents as I have, is my religion, and I need a helper, whose eyes are fixed upon the higher life. This is final, and the subject must never be reopened. I find it very painful."

Fran's discovery that he had not heard her plea, crimsoned her face. She jumped from the arm-chair, breathing rapidly. "Then," she cried, "if you won't have me, get another. The one you have must go."

"She shall do nothing of the sort," he calmly responded.

"Yes," Fran retorted violently, "I tell you she must go!"

He struck the table with his palm. "Never!"

"Shall I use my last resource?" Fran's eyes gleamed ominously.

The hand upon the table became a fist. That was his only reply.

"I would entreat you," said Fran, faltering, "and with tears, but what good would it do? None. There's no use for one woman to weep if another woman is smiling. Dismiss your secretary."

He leaned toward her from over the table, and spoke in a low, level tone: "I am going to appeal to your better nature. Think of the girls of the street who need rescue, and the women of the cities who are dying from neglect and vice. If you hinder my work, let the souls of these outcasts be upon your soul! You can ruin me, but not without ruining my good works. I don't ask you to keep silent on my account—what am I but an instrument in the hands of Providence?"

—But for the sake of the homeless thousands, I have stoned for my past, but the world always ready to condemn the divine, would rejoice to point the finger of scorn at me, as if I were still the fool of twenty years ago."

"But your secretary—"

"She is a vital factor in my work. It would be impossible to replace her."

Fran made a step toward him—"My mother was replaced."

He started up. "You shall not speak of that. She lived her life, and I demand the right to live mine. I tell you, the part is ended."

"But I am here," returned Fran. "I have not ended. Can't you look into my face and see my mother living? She paid for her secret marriage, wandering over the face of the sea with her baby, trying to find you. I don't deny that you're paid for all—yes, even for your desertion and your living a hidden life in this town. Maybe you've suffered enough. But that isn't the question. Look at me. I am here. I have come as truly of your past as out of the past of a darling, uncompensated—what did you call her?—friend. And being here I ask, 'What will you do with me?' All I want is—just a little love."

The long loneliness of her life found expression in the eager voice, in the yearning eyes. As he stared at her, half-stupefied, he imagined she was holding out her arms to him in pleading.

Fran thought his covered face a token of weakening. "You must have loved my mother—once. Is it all so dead and forgotten that there is none left for your child?"

But she was seeking to play upon strings that had long since ceased to vibrate. He could not bring back, even in retrospect, the emotions inspired by Josephine Derry. Those strings had been tuned to other harmonies. To remember Fran's mother as a first passion, but the garish days of disillusionment. He could not tell Fran that he had never loved her mother. The dead must not be reproached; the living could not be deceived—so he was silent.

His silence inspired Fran with hope. "I am so lonely, so lonely!" she murmured plaintively, "so very lonely! There seems a reason for everybody but me—I can't be explained. That's why I am disliked. If there could be one heart for me to claim—whose heart should it be? Does it hurt to tell you whose heart it should be?"

"Of course you are lonely, child, but that is your fault. You are in this house on a footing of equality, and all seem to like you, except Miss Grace—and I must say, her disapproval disturbs you very little. But you won't adopt our ways. You make everybody ask by your indecent behavior—then wonder that the town shuns your society, and complain because you feel alone!"

Fran's eyes filled with tears. "If you believe in me—if you try to like me—ask all I ask. The whole town says, 'If I have you. I don't care for the world and its street corners—there are no street corners in my world.'"

"But, child—"

"You never call me Fran, do you, sir?"

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help it," she interposed passionately.



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"Even the dogs have names. Call me by mine; it's Fran. Say it, say it. Call me—oh, father, father. I want your love."

"Hush!" he gasped, when she said, "You will be overheard."

"She extended her arms wildly: 'What do you know about God, except that He's Father. That's all—Father—and you worship Him as His son. Yet you want me to care for your religion. Then why don't you show me the way to God? Can you love Him and deny your own child? Am I to pray to him as my Father in Heaven, but not dare acknowledge my father on earth? No! I don't know how heavenly things through human things. And I tell you that you are standing between me and God.'

"Hush, hush!" cried Gregory. "Child! this is sacrilege!"

"No, it is not. I tell you, I can't

see God, because you're in the way. You pray 'Our Father who art in Heaven'—give us this day our daily bread. And I pray to you, and I say, My father here on earth, give me—your love. That's what I want—nothing else—I want it so bad. I'm dying for it, father, can't you understand? Look—I'm praying for it—"

She threw herself wildly at his feet.

Deeply moved, he tried to lift her from the ground.

"No," cried Fran, scarcely knowing what she said. "I will not let up till you grant my prayer. I'm not asking for the full, rich love a child has the right to expect—but give me a crust, to keep me alive—father, give me my daily bread. You needn't think God is going to answer your prayers, if you refuse mine."

Hamilton Gregory took her in his arms and held her to his breast. "Fran," he said brokenly, "my unfortunate child—my daughter—oh, why were you born?"

"Yes," sobbed Fran, resting her head upon his bosom, "yes, why was I born?"

"You break my heart," he sobbed with her. "Fran, say the word, and I will tell everything; I will acknowledge you as my daughter, and if my wife—"

Fran shook her head. "You owe no more to my mother than to her," she said, catching her breath. "No, the secret must be kept—always. Father—I must never call you that except when we are alone—I must always whisper it, like a prayer—father, let me be your secretary."

It was strange that this request should surprise Fran with the chill atmosphere of a tomb. His embrace relaxed unreasonably. He looked at his daughter in frightened bewilderment, as if afraid she had drawn him too far from his security for further hiding. During the silence, she awaited his decision.

It was because of her tumultuous emotions that she failed to hear advancing footsteps.

"Some one is coming," he exclaimed,

with ill-concealed relief. "We mustn't be seen thus—we would be misunderstood." He strode to the window, and pretended to look out. His face cleared momentarily.

The door opened, and Grace Noir started in, then paused significantly. "Am I interrupting?" she asked, in quiescent accent.

"Certainly not," Gregory breathed freedom. His surprise was so joyful that he was married beyond himself. "Grace! It's Grace! Then you didn't go to the city with Bob. There wasn't any train—"

"I am here," began Grace easily. "Yes, of course, that's the main thing," his delight could not be held in check. "You are here, indeed! And you are looking—I mean you look well—I mean you are not ill—your return is so unexpected."

"I am here," she steadily persisted. "Because I learned something that affects my interests. I went part of the way with Mr. Clinton, but after thinking over what had been told me, I decided to leave the train at the next station. I have been driven back in a carriage. I may as well tell you, Mr. Gregory, that I am urged to accept a responsible position in Chicago."

He understood that she referred to marriage with Robert Clinton. "But—" he began, very pale. "A responsible position in Chicago. And I was told, this morning, that while I was away, Fran meant to apply for the secretaryship, thus taking advantage of my absence."

Fran's face looked oddly white and old, in its oval of black hair. "Who told you this truth?" she demanded, with a menacing gleam of teeth.

"Who knew of your intentions?" the other gracefully said. "But this is no matter. The point is that I have this Chicago opportunity. So if Mr. Gregory wants to employ you, I must know it at once, to make my arrangements accordingly."

"Can you imagine," Hamilton cried reproachfully, "that without any warning, I would make a change? Certainly not. I have no intention of employing Fran. The idea is impossible."

More than that, it is—er—it is absolutely preposterous. Would I calmly tear down what you and I have been building up so carefully?"

"Then you had already refused Fran before I came?"

"I had—hadn't I, Fran?"

Fran gave her father a look such as had never before come into her dark eyes—a look of reproach, a look that said, "I cannot fight back because of the agony in my heart." She went away silent and with downcast head.

CHAPTER XV.

In Sure-Enough Country. One morning, more than a month after the closing days of school, Abbott Ashton chanced to look from his bedroom window as Hamilton Gregory's buggy, with Fran in it, passed. Long fishing-poles projected from the back of the buggy.

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Suddenly Miss Sapphira grew ponderously significant. Her massive head trembled from a weight of meaning not to be lifted lightly in mere words her double chin consolidated, and her mouth became as the granite door of a cave sealed against the too-curious.

Abbott paused uneasily before his meditated flight—"Have you heard any news?"

She answered almost tragically, "Board meeting, tonight."

Ordinarily, teachers for the next year were selected before the close of the spring term; only those "on the inside" knew that the fateful board meeting had been delayed week after week because of disagreement over the superintendency. There was so much dissatisfaction over Abbott Ashton—because of "so much talk"—that even Robert Clinton had thought it best to quit, that the "board" might virtually be put upon a new basis.

"Tonight," the young man repeated with a thrill. He realized how important this meeting would prove in shaping his future.

"Yes," she said warningly. "And Bob is determined to do his duty. He never went very far in his own education because he didn't expect to be a school-teacher—but ever since he's been chairman of the school-board, he's aimed to have the best teachers, so the children can be taught right most of 'em are poor and may want to teach, too, when they're grown. I think all the board'll be for you tonight, Abbott, and I've been glad to notice that for the last month, there's been less talk. And by the way," she added, "that Fran-girl went by with Simon Jefferson just now, the two of them in Brother Gregory's buggy. They're going to Bubb's Riffe—ha with his weak heart, and her with that smile of hers, and it's a full three miles!"

Abbott did not volunteer that he had seen them pass, but his face showed the ostensible integrity of a Jan-thief, who for once finds himself innocent when mistaking jam is mentioned.

(To Be Continued.)

